

Fall 2006 Flexibility for LEP Students in their First Year of Enrollment in U.S. Schools

School corporations are **required** to administer ISTEP+ math and science assessments to LEP students who have been enrolled in U.S. schools for less than one year (see definition below). In terms of ISTEP+ English/language arts assessments for these students, corporations have two options:

- 1) Administer the English/language arts portion of ISTEP+; OR
- 2) Administer the LAS Links English Language Proficiency Assessment in the spring of 2007.*

NOTES:

- "Less than one year" indicates the student enrolled in U.S. schools after October 1, 2005.
- Participation in the LAS Links Placement Test does not qualify students for this flexibility.

* Schools will be required to submit to the IDOE Division of Assessment an electronic list of all students (by STN and corresponding student name) falling into this category and must highlight those students who are coming from out-of-state.

NOTES:

- If this flexibility is implemented, it must be applied throughout the corporation for all first year LEP students.
- School corporations must notify Lauren Harvey, Assistant Director, (lharvey@doe.state.in.us) **in advance of the ISTEP+ window of their intent to take advantage of this flexibility.**
- School corporations electing to use this process must submit a list of first year LEP students via the secure STN web site by October 2, 2006. The web site is under development and the link will be forthcoming.

The ISTEP+ test results of students who have not been enrolled for 162 days (which should include first-year LEP students) are not included in AYP determinations. However, the 95 percent participation requirement is met when students take:

- 1) the ISTEP+ math and science assessments; **AND**
- 2) **either** the ISTEP+ English/language arts assessment **OR** the spring 2007 LAS Links English Language Proficiency Assessment.